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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37. C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant submits a completed PTO Form 1449 and a copy of each printed or patented reference listed on the Form.

No fee is believed to be due because it is believed that this statement and enclosures are being filed before the first Office Action on the merits has been mailed by the PTO. The basis of this belief is that no Office Action on the merits appears to have been received by the undersigned to date. Please charge any fees due in connection with this statement to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

This paper and enclosures are believed to be entitled to consideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, based on the facts stated above. No admission or representation is made that the references are or are not pertinent or usable as prior art; the references speak for themselves. The Examiner is requested to initial both copies of the enclosed PTO Form 1449 and return one copy to Applicant to indicate consideration of the enclosed references.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 16, 2000

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